(*c*) What is the unspent balance at the end of February 1925?

(*d*) Is this amount kept in deposit or is it invested anywhere so as to fetch interest?

(*e*) If the balance is in deposit, where is it so kept?

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—

A.—(*a*) and (*b*) The institution has long been under the management of the Jahgir. Information is not available regarding the income and expenditure each year since the institution came under such management.

(*c*) The information required is not yet available. At the end of June 1924 there was a balance of Rs. 8,023-15-4.

(*d*) and (*e*) The amount is kept in the Yelandur Taluk Treasury by the Jahgirdar.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Srinivasiengar.—

With reference to answer to question 14 (*a*) and (*b*) that it is not possible to collect information regarding the income and expenditure of Biligiri Rangaswami temple, will Government state whether any accounts in this respect are being maintained at all?

First Member.—

The maintenance of correct accounts has been insisted upon for the past 2 years. It is not possible to compile figures for the last 50 or 60 years.

Mr. Srinivasiengar.—

Do not Government consider it necessary to call for the information because the several urgent temple works have not been attended to even though large income is derived from devotees?

First Member.—

Government will try to obtain figures for the last 10 years.

MESSRS. M. C. LINGEGOWDA AND S. C. MALLIAH (Mandya Taluk).—

Q.—**15.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many Munsiffs have been appointed by the Government for the last five years?

(*b*) What is the number of men selected from each community?

(*c*) What was the principle adopted in making these appointments?

(*d*) Has any regard been paid to the orders passed on the Miller Committee Report, when the appointments were made?

(*e*) If not, what is the reason?

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—

A.—(*a*) to (*e*) Information has been called for and will be furnished on receipt of the same.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

With reference to the reply that information has been called for and will be furnished on receipt of the same, will Government state whether the information has to be obtained from the Chief Court and whether it will be ready at least by the next Dasara Session?

First Member.—

The information has since been received and will be furnished to the member as soon as the reply is ready.

Mr. Linge Gowda.—

On what principles are these appointments made? Should this information also be obtained from the Chief Court?

Dewan.—

Yes.

Mr. G. K. Balija.—

I wish to know why the principle of the appointments should be laid down by the Chief Court when the appointments themselves rest with the Government.

First Member.—

Appointments are made by Government, but the nominations are made by the Chief Court.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.—

Was all the information asked for in a similar interpellation not furnished at a recent Session of the Legislative Council?

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That question does not arise.

MR. G. DEVOJI RAO (Seringapatam).

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) What is the amount of the total loss incurred by the Government and by the public on account of the recent fire to the Railway Goods Shed, Mysore?

(2) What is the value of the goods consigned to the Railway and covered by Risk Notes?

(3) Has any compensation been paid to the merchants and if not, does the Government propose to compensate them and to what extent?

(4) Has any committee been appointed by the Government to enquire into the causes of the fire whether due to accident or to wanton mischief and fixed the responsibility on any particular individual?

(5) Is the Government aware that there is an embezzlement of public money by the goods clerk and whether the fire to the goods shed can in any way be connected with an inspection regarding the embezzlement which had been fixed for the next day?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, RAILWAYS.—

A.—(1) Rs. 50,000. The original cost of the building was Rs. 10,000 and the value of the goods destroyed or damaged is about Rs. 40,000.

(2) Information not available.

(3) Under examination with the Officers of Government.

(4) The investigation at the Joint Enquiry by the Officers of Government including the City Magistrate and Assistant Superintendent, Railway Police, did not disclose that the fire was due to wanton mischief.

(5) The Government have no knowledge of the alleged or attempted embezzlement by the goods clerk.

Supplementary Question.

Mr. Devoji Rao.—

Will the Government state whether any notice was given to the consigners and the consignees informing them of the damage caused to the goods?